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Re: Application of Shinichi TOYOSAWA and Munenori IIZUKA  
METHOD OF PRODUCING CARBON FIBER, CATALYST STRUCTURE  
AND MEMBRANE ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY FOR SOLID POLYMER  
FUEL CELL  
Assignee: **BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION**  
Our Ref: Q89140

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application. Also enclosed is a copy of the first page of WO 2004/063438 A1 attached to Form PCT/IB/311.
- ☒ 3 sheets of drawings.
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ a copy of Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document (Form PCT/IB/304).
- ☒ a copy of Notification of the Recording of a Change (Form PCT/IB/306 (3 pages)).
- ☒ a copy of the ISR.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☒ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER. It is noted that a copy of JP 52-13490 is submitted as it corresponds to GB 1 547 162 A, which is listed in the ISR.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).**

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c)



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will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

The Government filing fee is calculated, **after entry of the Preliminary Amendment**, as follows:

Total claims	<u>10</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$50.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$200.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$900.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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